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1. Lt. Col. Kononov (fnu), chief of the Potsdam Kech, has been transferred somewhere else in Germany. Replacing him is Lt. Col. Vasili Federovich Kuchkin.
2. The émigrés have all been dismissed from their jobs with Russian installations and have been continually requesting the Russians to release their blocked ruble accounts (partial payment of all salaries while employed with Russians was made in rubles deposited to account in Moscow). The Russians have, in very necessary cases, released a few hundred here and there. Most of the émigrés in Germany since 1948 and 1949 have thousands of rubles in these blocked accounts. All efforts to get the rubles unfrozen and paid at the official rate in DME failed until early September 1953. The official exchange of the ruble with the DME used to be two DME to one ruble. Grotewohl, upon his return from Moscow at the end of August, brought back a new commercial agreement setting a new exchange rate of 56 East pfennigs to the ruble. Now the Russians are ready to pay the émigrés off at this new and less favorable rate.
3. The Soviet Consul in East Berlin, Krasnenkov (fnu), has been on leave in Moscow for the past two months. His aid, Marksevich (fnu), has stated that Krasnenkov will now remain in Moscow in a new post with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is not known yet who the new Consul will be.

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